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In re Patent Application of

**VOLLHARDT et al**

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For: **TOPICAL AGENT CONTAINING PHYTANIC ACID OR A  
DERIVATIVE THEREOF**

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**RESPONSE TO AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ERRONEOUSLY ISSUED  
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The following comments and attachments hereto are intended to be fully responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 1, 2006 (copy attached, and hereinafter referred to as "the Notification"), which set a nominal response due date of May 1, 2006. Specifically, as will become evident from the discussion below and attached evidence, the Notification was issued in error and therefore should be withdrawn.

Applicants note in this regard that the Notification alleges that the translation of the application into English and the processing fee have not been filed. However, the records of the applicants' undersigned attorney show that such formalities were in fact timely filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2005. A copy of date-stamped postcard receipt which evidences the Office's acknowledgement of receipt of the certified English-language translation of the application on that date is attached as Exhibit A. In the event the translation has become misplaced in the Office's records, a duplicate copy of the same as filed on December 6, 2005 is also attached.

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